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FINLAND.—Geologisk Ofversiktskarta ofver Finland. Scale, 1:400,000, or 6.3 statute miles to an inch. Sheet. St. Michel. By the Geological Commission. Helsingfors, 1900.

The large variety of geological features is shown by a combination of colours and other symbols. The sheet embraces most of the western part of the Province of St. Michel, in the heart of the lake district, and covers 3½ degrees of longitude and 1½ degrees of latitude. The Observatory of Helsingfors is the initial meridian. The geological detail is minutely presented, and very clearly defined.

ATLASES.

STIELER'S HAND-ATLAS—Neue neunte Lieferungs-Ausgabe. 100 Karten in Kupferstich. Lieferungen 29–30. Gotha, Justus Perthes. Price, 60 pf. for each part containing 2 map sheets.

The notable new map of Russia in six sheets is now completed. Sheet 48 includes the south-eastern part of Russia with the northern portion of Asia Minor and the eastern half of the Balkan lands. Contours of 20 to 1,000 metres show the conformation of the sea bed in the coastal and some parts of the deeper waters of the Black Sea. Sheet 49 outlines the coasts of the Caspian with greater detail than is commonly seen, gives some figures of elevation for the Manytsch depression, and shows the water-parting of its eastward and westward flowing drainage. It presents the entire region of the Caucasus and the Transcaspian territory as far as the Aral Sea. Sheet 76 (Australien und Polynesien) is also a new map on a scale of 1:30,000,000, or 473.4 statute miles to an inch. The Pacific is coloured to show the results of deep-sea soundings up to the present time. The name "Hawaii Inseln" is extended to cover all the islands, islets, and banks between the island of Hawaii and the Midway Islands, where we have a cable station. Four insets show the New Caledonia and Loyalty Islands and the Tongatabu, Marquesas, and Tahiti groups on a larger scale. Polynesia and the Pacific have been shown for many years in this atlas on two sheets with the smaller scale of 1:40,000,000, as a large part of each sheet was filled with insets of the more important groups. Sheet 82 (Nord-Amerika) is a revision by Habenicht of the map of our continent designed by Petermann for this atlas. The most important changes in the present revision relate to the topographic aspects of Alaska, the new islands discovered by Sverdrup in the American Arctic regions, and the contours of the sea floor both to the east and west of the continent,

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BOOK NOTICES.

Précis de Géographie Économique. By Professors Marcel Dubois and J. G. Kergomard. Second Edition, revised with the assistance of M. Louis Laffitte. VIII and 837 pp. Index. Masson & Co., Paris, 1903.

This manual would make a desirable addition to the library of every teacher of economic geography who can read French. Each country is treated in turn, beginning with France, which occupies the first 152 pages. The physical and political geography of a country, its population, government, and administration, and the

leading influences of these factors upon economic development are first considered. Then follows an admirably clear and full though compact discussion of the agricultural, forest, and animal industries, with a résumé pointing to the deductions to be drawn from this array of facts. The manufactures are then treated in groups, according as they are based upon mineral, vegetable, or animal materials. Commerce is the closing topic of each chapter, and it is considered in respect of ways of communication, merchant marine, ports, domestic and foreign trade, and colonial relations. A paragraph at the close sums up the general conclusions as to the economic position of the country among the nations. The numerous statistics are given as footnotes under the matter to which they relate. The most distinctive feature of the book is the large number of well-selected facts, which are commented upon only when the deductions to be drawn from them are not exactly obvious. With only 31 pages given to the United States the treatment is too summary to compare favourably with that of the leading European countries.

Neapel, seine Umgebung und Sizilien. By Prof. Dr. Hippolyt Haas. 194 pp. 154 illustrations and a coloured map. Velhagen & Klasing, Bielefeld and Leipzig, 1904. (*Price, 4 marks.*)

This volume is the seventeenth of the series of geographical monographs which Velhagen & Klasing are issuing under the general title of "Land und Leute," edited by Albert Scobel. The region between Naples and Palermo, with many natural aspects remarkable for beauty and historic interest and numerous picturesque phases of human life, especially lends itself to the best qualities of the writer and the illustrator; and all who have seen earlier numbers of these series need no assurance that in "Neapel" Prof. Dr. Haas has supplied letterpress that is geographically accurate, vivacious, and readable, and that the 154 photographs are given in the best style of reproduction. A large number of the illustrations are full-page and some of them are double-page cuts, as the Panorama of Naples, the Greek Theatre near Taormina, and Capri. Under each picture the page on which the scene is treated in the text is mentioned.

In Search of a Siberian Klondike. By Washington B. Vanderlip and Homer B. Hulbert. xv and 315 pp. 47 half-tone illustrations and a map. The Century Co., New York, 1903.

Mr. Vanderlip, a mining prospector, made this journey through